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INDO-US NAVAL WAR GAMES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-US Naval exercises were held off Kerala sea (Arabian Sea) in September 2002;

(b) if so, the number of ships and personnel who participated in these exercises alongwith the duration of these exercises;

(c) whether any joint exercise of Armed Forces is proposed to be held in near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(e) the benefits to be accrued therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): Indo-US Naval Exercises were held in the month of September, 2002 in which ships and a large number of personnel from both sides took part.

Joint Exercises are held by the Armed Forces, from time to time, depending upon the need and mutual convenience.

Joint Exercises with the navies of other countries are meant to increase understanding of each others` operating procedures. Exercising with the navies of technologically advanced countries, like the USA and France, gives our Navy an opportunity to learn about advancements in the field of maritime warfare which is of a major operational benefit. In addition, these exercises enhance India`s image internationally as a major maritime power.